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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/847,417

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

James A. Reagan

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### Status of Claims

1. This action is in response to the application filed on 03 May 2001.
2. Priority to JP 2000-136157 dated 09 May 2000 is hereby granted.
3. Claims 1-11 have been examined.

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mullin et al. (US 5,970,218A) in view of Sperry et al. (US 5,995,723A).

**Examiner's note:** Examiner has pointed out particular references contained in the prior art of record in the body of this action for the convenience of the Applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply. Applicant, in preparing the response, should consider fully the *entire* reference as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention,

as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

**Claims 1-11:**

Mullin, as shown, discloses the following limitations.

- *setting means for setting identification information corresponding to the print job* (see at least Figures 3a and 3b as well as column 2, line 65 to column 3, line 20);
- *input means for inputting identification information* (see at least Figures 3a and 3b as well as column 2, line 65 to column 3, line 20);
- *determination means for determining whether the identification information that has been input by said input means matches identification information corresponding to a received job* (see at least Figures 3a and 3b as well as column 2, line 65 to column 3, line 20);
- *if a match is determined by said determination means, the print job corresponding to said identification information is executed* (see at least Figures 3a and 3b as well as column 2, line 65 to column 3, line 20).

Mullin does not disclose the following limitations, but Sperry, as shown does.

- *modifying means for enabling modification of at least one of a user name and document name of the print job to which the identification information set by said setting means has been appended (see at least Figure 6 as well as related text in staring at column 8, line 54);*
- *display means for displaying at least one of a document name and user name appended to a print job received from said host computer (see at least Figure 6 as well as related text in staring at column 8, line 54).*
- *designating means which, if information relating to multiple print jobs is being displayed on said display means, is for designating a print job, for which printing is to be executed, from among the multiple print jobs (see at least Figure 6 as well as related text in staring at column 8, line 54);*
- *a step of transmitting the print job to said printing device (see at least Figure 6 as well as related text in staring at column 8, line 54).*

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the private print techniques of Mullin with Sperry's technique of altering the document title of a print job because this enhances Mullin's structure of maintaining discretion while printing sensitive or classified document by not revealing specifics such as, for example, a title or specific reference to information contained within a document.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **James A. Reagan** whose telephone number is **(703) 306-9131**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **James Trammell** can be reached at (703) 305-9768.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the **Receptionist** whose telephone number is **(703) 305-3900**.

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